High quality schools

1741. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister's pronouncement in his address to the nation on Independence Day, 2007 to the effect that Government would establish 6,000 new high quality schools—one is every block in the country, is being enforced in the country;

(b) whether any scheme has been drawn for the purpose;

(c) the number of blocks selected, if any, State-wise;

(d) the nature of support envisaged by Government;

(e) whether the scheme is being implemented or proposed to be implemented in Goa; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (f) The Prime Minister in this Independence Day Speech on 15.08.07 has announced the decision of the Government to support 6,000 high quality model schools throughout the country, at the rate of one in every block, to set standards of excellence for other schools in the area. All blocks in the country, including blocks in Goa, are to be covered by the scheme.

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Uttarakhand

1742. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Kendriya Vidyalayas, at present, working in Uttarakhand;

(b) whether Central Government proposes to open few more such schools in the State; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) There are 41 functional Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) in the State of Uttarakhand.

(b) and (c) Opening of a Kendriya Vidyalaya depends upon receipt of a viable proposal from the sponsor i.e. State Government/Public Sector Undertakings etc. committing free land and temporary accommodation, availability of adequate number of students of specified categories, approval of the competent authority and availability of funds etc.

NAAC accredited colleges and universities

1743. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of colleges and universities in the country accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) during the current financial year, till date;